

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
HIGH SCHOOL
(Grades 9-12)
2011 - 2012

Welcome to the 2011 Summer Reading Program. We are excited to invite you to spend time exploring a world of new experiences through reading. Listed below you will find the assignment requirements for the High School Summer Reading Program.

1. **Every** North Florida Christian School student who will enter grades 9-12 in the upcoming school year and will be taking an NFCS English class, is expected to complete the summer reading assignment. Be sure you complete the assignment for the course you will be taking during the 2011-2012 school year.
2. **Students planning to take an English Honor's class in the upcoming school year must complete an additional assignment as outlined. English Honor's students must choose two selections from the appropriate list and complete a reading log for each selection.**
3. Questions may be directed to any English Department member or to Janell Penny, Language Department Chair. You may call the High School Office at 850-386-6327, ext. 122, or e-mail janellpenny@nflchurch.com.

Note to Parents:

You play an important role in the summer reading process. We encourage you to read the book with your child and initiate discussion about the book and the assignment.

Scoring and Due Date:

The summer reading assignment will count as **one (1) test grade** of the first nine-weeks English grade. The assignment is due **Friday, August 19, 2011. This is the first day of school.** If a student is not in attendance on this date, and the absence is excused, the student may turn in the assignment the first day he/she begins the school year. **Late assignments that are not accompanied by an excused absence admit will not be accepted.**

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Book Selection

Each student will choose one (1) selection from the appropriate list that is provided below. (Honor's students will choose two (2).) Follow the directions given for the Reading Log for all selections chosen.

The Reading Log

The reading log is a handwritten double entry journal containing at least four entries – one for each quarter of the book. The log is due **Friday, August 19, 2011** which is the first day of the 2010-2011 school year. If a student is not in attendance on this date, and the absence is excused, the student may turn in the assignment the first day he/she begins the school year. **Late assignments will not be accepted.**

Follow these directions:

- Choose a book from the appropriate grade-level list.
- Divide a sheet of paper into two halves, top to bottom (folded vertically).
- Give the left hand column the heading **Plot Summary**. In this column, include facts about the story, characters, and setting.
- Give the right hand column the heading **Personal Responses**. In this column, record your comments and personal opinions on the plot, character, and setting. Ideas for personal responses include the following:

I like/dislike this idea because...

This part is realistic/unrealistic because...

This section is effective because...

The character I admire most is...
- Divide the book into **four (4)** chronological sections. **You will make one page for each section.**
- A good entry is written in complete sentences and fills the front of a sheet of notebook paper. Four quality entries are required for credit. This should result in four pages of work.
- All work can be either typed or hand-written. All work must be legible in order to receive a grade.
- Assignments will be graded for thoroughness, insight and organization.

Book List

Choose one book from the following list:
(English Honor's students choose two books)

9th Grade

Adams, *Watership Down*
Asimov, *Fantastic Voyage*
Blinn, *Brian's Song*
Borland, *When Legends Die*
Bradbury, *The Martian Chronicles*
Buck, *The Big Wave*
Gilbert, *Chronicles of the West Series*
Gilbert, *House of Winslow Series*
Houston, *Farewell to Manzanar*
Keller, *My Story*
London, *Call of the Wild*
Montgomery, *Anne of Green Gables*
Orczy, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*
Rawlings, *Cross Creek*
Stevenson, *Kidnapped*
Twain, *The Prince and the Pauper*
Verne, *Around the World in 80 Days*
Volgt, *A Solitary Blue*
Wells, *The Time Machine*

10th Grade

Blackstock, *Newpoint 911 Series*
Blackstock, *Second Chances Series*
Buck, *The Good Earth*
Carlson, *Degrees of Guilt*
Carlson, *True Colors*
Carter, *The Education of Little Tree*
Copeland, *Brides of the West Series*
Copeland, *Heavenly Daze Series*
DuMaurier, *Rebecca*
Follett, *Pillars of the Earth*
Hegi, *Stories from the River*
Hemingway, *A Farewell to Arms*
Hugo, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*
Jenkins, *Left Behind Series (any adult-level novel in the series)*
Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*
Marshall, *Christy*
Smith, *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*
Stevenson, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
Stuart, *The Crystal Cave*
Wallace, *Ben Hur*
White, *The Once and Future King*

11th and 12th Grades

Ambrose, *Undaunted Courage*
Baldwin, *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
Bradley, *Flags of our Fathers*
Brokaw, *Greatest Generation*
Caldwell, *Dear and Glorious Physician*
Costain, *The Silver Chalice*
Cooper, *The Last of the Mohicans*
Craven, *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*
Douglas, *The Robe*
Gaines, *A Lesson Before Dying*
Melville, *Moby Dick*
Lord, *A Night to Remember*
Neihardt, *Black Elk Speaks*
Peretti, *This Present Darkness*
Rivers, *Mark of the Lion Series*
Sams, *When the World Was Young*
Shaara, *Gods and Generals*
Therous, *The Mosquito Coast*
Twain, *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
Walker, *Jubilee*
Wright, *Native Son*